GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Cost of Drugs for Critical Diseases
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

926. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to reduce the cost of drugs in the country for treatment of critical diseases, heart attack, knee replacement, kidney problem etc.; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b): The Government has notified the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO-2013) on 15th May, 2013 to control the prices of medicines in the country. As per the provisions of DPCO-2013, to control the prices of essential medicines National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed the prices of medicines appearing in Schedule 1 of DPCO-2013. The above action of the government has resulted in saving to the consumers to the tune of approximately Rs. 5060.30 crores which includes medicines for critical diseases.

The ceiling prices fixed by NPPA in some of the essential medicines used for treatment of critical diseases is as under:

Sl. No. Medicines Dosage Form & Strength Unit/Pack Size Ceiling Price (Rs.)
Disease: Rheumatoid disorders (Knee Pain)
(i) Azathioprine Tablet 50 mg 1 Tablet 9.02
(ii) Hydroxychloroquine Tablet 200 mg 1 Tablet 5.50
Tablet 400 mg 1 Tablet 11.08
(iii) Leflunomide Tablet 10 mg 1 Tablet 9.30
Tablet 20 mg 1 Tablet 18.13

Disease: Antiretroviral medicines (HIV)

(iv) Abacavir Tablet 60 mg
Tablet 300 mg 1 Tablet 43.76
(v) Abacavir (A)+ Lamivudine (B) Tablet 60 mg (A) + 30 mg (B)
1 Tablet

1 Tablet 44.70

84.55
(vi) Lamivudine (A) + Nevirapine (B) + Stavudine (C) Dispensable Tablet 30 mg (A) + 50 mg (B) + 6 mg (C)

Tablet 150 mg (A) + 200 mg (B) + 30 mg (C)

Cardiovascular medicines

(vii) Clopidogrel Tablet 75 mg 1 Tablet 6.44
(viii) Isosorbide-5- mononitrate Tablet 10 mg
Tablet 20
SR Tablet 30 mg

SR Tablet 60 mg

1 Tablet

1 Tablet

4.54

5.92
(ix) Metoprolol Tablet 25 mg

Tablet 50mg

SR Tablet 25 mg

SR Tablet 50mg

Capsule 25 mg

Capsule 50 mg 1 Tablet

1 Tablet

1 Tablet

1 Tablet

1 Capsule

1 Capsule 2.88

4.36

3.75

5.35

3.92

5.98
Medicines used in diabetes mellitus

(x) Glimepiride Tablet 1 mg

Tablet 2 mg 1 Tablet

1 Tablet 3.33

5.29
(xi) Isulin (Soluble) Injection 40 IU/ml 1 ml
1 ml 13.34
13.40
(xii)
Metformin Tablet 500 mg (controlled release)

Tablet 500 mg (Immediate release)

Tablet 750 mg (Immediate and controlled release)

Tablet 1000 mg controlled release

Tablet 1000 mg Immediate release 1 Tablet

1 Tablet

1 Tablet

1 Tablet 1.77

1.39

3.38

3.34

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